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commissions that are in existence. If you walked in my office now you might get the impression that the best way to bring order out of what appears to you to be chaos would be to put those big hampers that I have in my office and just sweep everything off the desks and the tables into that hamper and let the people cart it away. Well, one person's chaos is another person's order. One person's trash and clutter is another person's cache of documents, precious documents. So I cannot support Senator Stuhr's amendment. This commission has been battered already before it even came into existence. All kinds of allegations have been made by various people as to secret intentions and hidden agendas,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but those arguments have not met with success because the other people supporting the bill, such as Senator Crosby, and I had read off the lists of some of the people and agencies supporting the bill, would be the first ones to squelch some of these so-called hidden agendas. So I say let the bill go, let the commission alone. And, if Senator Stuhr or anybody in the future becomes disenchanted, then offer a bill to abolish it and give a reason. But to say before the commission has drawn its first breath that we're going to hang a sword of Damocles over its head and it drop in four years or five years is not appropriate in my, in this instance, humble opinion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We are discussing the Stuhr amendment to LB 480. Those wishing to speak are Senators Crosby, Janssen, and Stuhr. Senator Crosby, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President. I was just going to speak once more to clarify a couple of things that I have said, and I will say, Senator Schimek, that I did look over the list of people who support the bill. Some of them don't do anything for me, I'll have to tell you, because in the past, on the abortion issues, a couple of them have been very, what I feel was, obtuse with me. I listen to them but they don't listen to me. So, from that point of view, it's a little difficult sometimes to look at that name and think, oh good, she's for this bill. But I'm...I try to be fair in the way I feel about